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- FOLLOWING ARE OUR PRELIMINARY IDEAS ON PROPOSED CEAUSESCU TRIP:
- 2. CEUASESCU'S INTERESTS AND SENSITIVITIES: DESPITE VERBAL FOCUS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS--AND THESE TOO ARE SIGNIFICANT--MOST IMPORTANT CEAUSESCU PURPOSE WILL BE ENHANCEMENT OF ROMANIA'S SECURITY AND INDEPENDENCE BY TAKING ONE MORE STEP IN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED STITCH-BY-STITCH WEAVING OF NEW FABRIC OF RELATIONS WITH WIDE VARIETY OF COUNTRIES OUTSIDE WARSAW PACT SYSTEM. VISUAL EFFECT IS KEY AND WHAT IS NOT SAID IS JUST AS IMPORTANT AS WHAT IS SAID, IN ORDER TO EMPHASIZE INDEPENDENCE WHILE NOT EXPOSING ROMANIA TO ANTI-SOVIET CHARGES. PUBLIC STATEMENTS AND TOASTS SHOULD REFLECT THIS SITUATION; THEY SHOULD BE NEITHER TOO CAUTIOUS NOR TOO BOLD; THEY SHOULD PLAY ON CHORDS OF ROMANIAN INTEREST IN "PRINCIPLES" LIKE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, ROLE FOR ALL COUNTRIES, LARGE OR SMALL, WHILE NOT SHOWING EXCESSIVE STRAIN IN ACCOMPLISHING THESE AIMS. DIRECT OR INDIRECT REFERENCES TO SOVIET UNION SHOULD BE OMITTED FROM ALL TOASTS AND PUBLIC STATEMENTS ALTHOUGH CEAUSESCU MAY WELL REFER TO SOVIETS FRANKLY ENOUGH SECRET

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IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS. ROMANIANS WILL ALSO BE EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TOWARD ANY "TALKING DOWN" BY SUPER-POWER, AND THIS SHOULD BE AVOIDED ALTHOUGH WE SHOULD NOT GO TOO FAR IN OTHER DIRECTION EITHER OF BEING APOLOGETIC OF OUR POWER

AND ROLE ON WORLD SCENE. IN FACT, HUMOROUS REMINDER WOULD NOT BE OUT OF PLACE IN A TOAST AT SOME POINT THAT GREAT POWERS IN GENERAL AND US IN PARTICULAR ALSO HAVE ROLE TO PLAY ON INTERNATIONAL SCENE. IF CEAUSESCU REMARK IS MADE AT SOME POINT ABOUT IMPORTANCE TO ROMANIA OF PRINCIPLE OF SOVEREIGNTY, AS SEEMS WEIKELY, IT MIGHT BE WELL TO NOTE THAT WE ALSO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO SOVEREIGNTY.-NOT ONLY FOR ROMANIA BUT FOR OURSELVES (A POINT THAT ROMANIANS SOMETIMES FORGET BECAUSE OF OBCESSION WITH THEIR OWN SITUATION).

3. AS DURING RECENT MEETING WITH STEIN, CEAUSESCU WILL PLACE MUCH WEIGHT ON BILATERAL ECONOMIC MATTERS OF MFN AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF JOINT VENTURES AND MAY WELL MAKE SPECIAL PITCH FOR SEEKING SEPARATE BILL TO SECURE MFN FOR ROMANIA ALONE. THERE WILL ALSO BE MUCH EMPHASIS ON ROMANIA'S CONSIDERING HERSELF AS DEVELOPING COUNTRY ENTITLED TO

SPECIAL CONCESSIONS IN BOTH BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL FORUMS. SOME OF THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY COME OUT IN SPEECHES AND TOASTS ALTHOUGH STRONGEST PITCHES WILL EVENTUALLY BE LEFT TO PRIVATE TALKS. IRRESPECTIVE OF PRECISE CONTENT OF ROMANIAN TOASTS, HOWEVER, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REVIEW MANY STEPS THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN SINCE PREVIOUS MEETINGS OF TWO PRESIDENTS SUCH AS EX-IM AND OPIC FACILITIES, US SUPPORT FOR ROMANIAN ACCESSION TO GATT, IBRD, AND IMF.

4. PROGRAM AND ITINERARY: IT IS PROBABLY TOO EARLY TO OFFER VERY CONCRETE IDEAS ON THIS. HOWEVER, IN CONSIDERING ANY TOUR OUTSIDE WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK, FOLLOWING AREAS HAVE SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST: SEATTLE (BOEING CONTRACT AND FACT THAT ONE OF THREE 707'S TO BE DELIVERED TO GOR NEXT YEAR IS TO HAVE VIP CONFIGURATION; THERE ARE ALSO TWO ROMANIAN PROFESSORS IN AREA, INCIDENTALLY); MINNEAPOLIS (FIRST US-ROMANIAN JOINT VENTURE WITH CONTROL DATA CORPORATION PLUS ACTIVE WORLD AFFAIRS COUNCIL) AND AKRONSECRET

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CLEVELAND AREA (MAJOR GOR COOPERATION WITH GENERAL TIRE PLUS LOCI OF ROMANIAN EMIGRATION IN CLEVELAND AREA--WHICH HAS SECURITY MINUSES AS WELL AS PR PLUSSES, OF COURSE.) DURING NEW YORK VISIT, WE SHOULD ENCOURAGE STOP AT ROMANIAN LIBRARY SINCE HIGH-LEVEL IDENTIFICATION WITH THAT INSTITUTION TENDS TO REINFORCE POSITION OF OUR OWN LIBRARY HERE--OR CAN BE MADE TO DO SO. APPEARANCE AT COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS OR FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION WAS USEFUL LAST TIME AND WOULD BE SO AGAIN AS WOULD APPEARANCE ON TELEVISION PROGRAM LIKE MEET THE PRESS.

5. MORE DETAILED THOUGHTS ON TOASTS, ETC.: REFERENCES TO ROMANIAN FIGURES OR EVENTS BASED ON AT LEAST SOME KNOWLEDGE OF BACKGROUND WOULD OCCASIONALLY BE USEFUL IF NOT OVERDONE.

FOR EXAMPLE, AERONAUTICAL PIONEER HENRI COANDA, "FATHER OF THE JET ENGINE" AND PERSON WELL-TRAVELED IN FRANCE AND--WE BELIEVE--THE US, DIED NOVEMBER 26 LAST YEAR. ROMANIAN MEDIA ARE FILLED THESE DAYS WITH THEMATIC MATERIAL ON TRICENTENNIAL OF BIRTH OF GREAT RUMANIAN--AND EUROPEAN--CARTOGRAPHER AND ALL-AROUND INTELLECTUAL, DIMITRIE CANTEMIR; NOVEMBER IS ALSO ANNIVERSARY OF FAMOUS TIME IN ROMANIAN HISTORY (1599) WHEN MICHAEL THE BRAVE (MIHAI VITEAZUL) FIRST ACCOMPLISHED UNIFICATION OF ROMANIA, HOWEVER BRIEFLY, AND THIS IS FIGURE TO WHOM CEAUSESCU PERSONALLY ENJOYS BEING LIKENED. NONE OF ABOVE ARE COMMUNIST-ASSOCIATED BUT ALL STRIKE CHORD OF ROMANIAN NATIONALISM.

6. COMMUNIQUE ON JOINT SOLEMN DECLARATION: ROMANIANS HAVE BEEN USING STATE VISITS TO BUILD COLLECTION OF "SOLEMN JOINT

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DECLARATIONS" OF "PRICIPLES" WHEREVER POSSIBLE AND TO INCORPORATE SAME PRINCIPLES IN COMMUNIQUES OR PRESS STATEMENTS WHEN DECLARATION NOT ACHIEVABLE. WE BELIEVE INR CAN BEXT RESEARCH EXACTLY WHAT HAS BEEN DONE OVER PAST YEAR SINCE THIS BECAME FACT; GIVEN PATTERN OF FIRST US-SOVIET SUMMIT, WE WOULD PREFER TO GO FAIRLY FAR IN DIRECTION OF "JOINT SOLEMN DECLARATION" IF THIS DOES NOT CAUSE US EXCESSIVE PROBLEMS BEYOND THE BILATERAL CONSIDERATIONS. WE SHOULD ALSO LAY TO REST TO EXTENT POSSIBLE GOR CONCERN THAT "FIVE GREAT POWER CENTERS" CONCEPT DOES NOT IMPLY ACQUIESCENCE IN REGIONAL BULLYING—A POINT ALREADY ADMIRABLY ADVANCED IN SECRETARY'S OCT. 25 PRESS CONFERENCE ON ME.

7. FAMILY AND PARTY: WE ASSUME CEAUSESCU'S WIFE WILL ACCOMPANY HIM AND HOPE CONSIDERATION CAN BE GIVEN TO APPROPRIATE SIDE PROGRAM (WE RECALL HER ELECTION TO NY ACADEMY OF SCIENCES EARLIER THIS YEAR AS ONE POSSIBLE PEG); HER SUPPOSED SEPARATE QUALIFICATIONS AS A CHEMICAL ENGINEER MIGHT BE CATERED TO BY ARRANGING FOR HER TO MEET SOME PROFESSIONAL PEOPLE IN THIS AREA. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT SON NICU

OR DAUGHTER ZOE MAY ACCOMPANY AND, IF SO, COULD BE GIVEN SOME MEETINGS WITH YOUTH GROUPS (NICU IS NOW A COMMUNIST YOUTH UNION OFFICIAL), ESPECIALLY IF AMERICAN GROUPS ARE APPROPRIATELY BRIEFED. PROGRAMMING OF OTHER OFFICIALS NEED NOT BE DISCUSSED NOW ALTHOUGH WE WOULD EXPECT TO SEE SEVERAL ECONOMIC MINISTERS AND PRESIDENTIAL COUNSELLORS ALONG INADDITION TO FOREIGN MIN MACOVESCU.

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- 8. CONGRESS: SOME SUCH MEETINGS HIGHLY DESIRABLE AS BEFORE, PERHAPS UTIBWZING PROPLE LIKE SENATORS SCOTT AND MCGEE WHO HAVE BEEN TO ROMANIA (JACKSON AND HARTKE WERE ALSO HERE AMONG OTHERS AND MFN MIGHT BE HELPED BY SUCH MEETINGS).
- 9. ISSUES TO BRING UP. WE ARE PREPARING REVISED "DIVIDED FAMILIES" UPDATE AND WILL POUCH TO EUR/EE NEXT WEEK. DOLLAR BONDS IS ANOTHER PERENNIAL WORTH MENTIONING IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS ALTHOUGH IT NEED NOT BE OVERDONE. DEQARTMENT MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSULT EX-IM BANK AS TO UTILITY OF PLUGGING FOR BETTER PROVISION OF REQUIRED GOR ECONOMIC DATA.
- $10.\,$ USIA AND MEDIA COVERAGE WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL. MARTENS

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